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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION HONORING RHONDA STUART FOR OVER 27 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND CONGRATULATING HER ON HER RECENT RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, two years after receiving her undergraduate degree from the University of California at Berkeley, Rhonda Stuart began work for an Oakland based non-profit housing development corporation and met former City Auditor Norma Lau during the course of an audit; and

WHEREAS, Norma Lau encouraged Rhonda to apply for a position with the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda took her sage advice and began her career with the City of Oakland's Finance Department on October 27, 1980 as an Account Clerk in the Parking Violations Bureau; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Rhonda was promoted to a Senior Account Clerk and began her new job in the Oakland Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda remained in the Oakland Fire Department and was again promoted to an Administrative Analyst II in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda resigned from the City of Oakland on October 26, 1989 to obtain her Masters degree in Public Administration from Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda successfully completed the program and returned to City employment with her Master's degree on September 11, 1990 as an Administrative Analyst II in the Office of Public Works and later transitioning to the Office of Planning and Building; and

WHEREAS, as an employee in the Office of Planning and Building, Rhonda received an award for her contributions of time and service in the design and implementation of the Community Assistance Center which was set up for victims of the 1991 Firestorm; and

WHEREAS, in 1996 Rhonda was promoted to the Public Works Personnel Coordinator position in the Public Works Agency; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 Rhonda was once again promoted to the Support Services Supervisor post, a position she served in until her recent retirement in July 2009; and

WHEREAS, she was a the Public Works Agency's Employee of the Year for Administrative Services in 2007; and

WHEREAS, during her long career with the City of Oakland, she served on several citywide committees and teams for performance planning and appraisal system development, strategic management, and the initial service delivery system (SDS) set-up team; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda Stuart has demonstrated astute analytical abilities, and a "can-do" attitude to problem solving and meeting customer needs that has improved the delivery of services to Public Works staff and other City agencies; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda Stuart was one of the official Harry Schrauth's 'Harry's Girls'; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Rhonda Stuart's work has reflected great enthusiasm, resourcefulness, professionalism, strong perfectionism, and a strong commitment to doing her best and to motivating others perform to their highest standards; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the elected officials, staff and citizens of Oakland hereby express their appreciation and commend Rhonda Stuart for her outstanding service and contributions to the City of Oakland, congratulate her on her retirement and extend its best wishes in future endeavors.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, AND
PRESIDENT BRUNNER

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of
the City of Oakland, California